

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the application by Examiner Geisel. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

No new matter has been added by the amendments. No new issues are raised by the amendments.

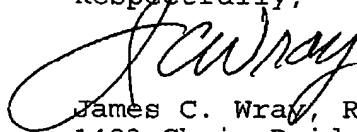
The claim objection made by the Examiner based on 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph has been overcome by the amendment to Claim 3.

The objections to Claims 11-12, 19, 21, 24, 43-44, 52, 54, 66-67, and 86-87 based on dependence on rejected base claims have been overcome by the amendments to those claims. The remaining claims have been amended to depend on the claims with allowable subject matter and the original independent claims have been canceled. All remaining claims are in position for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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